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2. Korean Students in Ostrava
3. Construction Work in Kosatka

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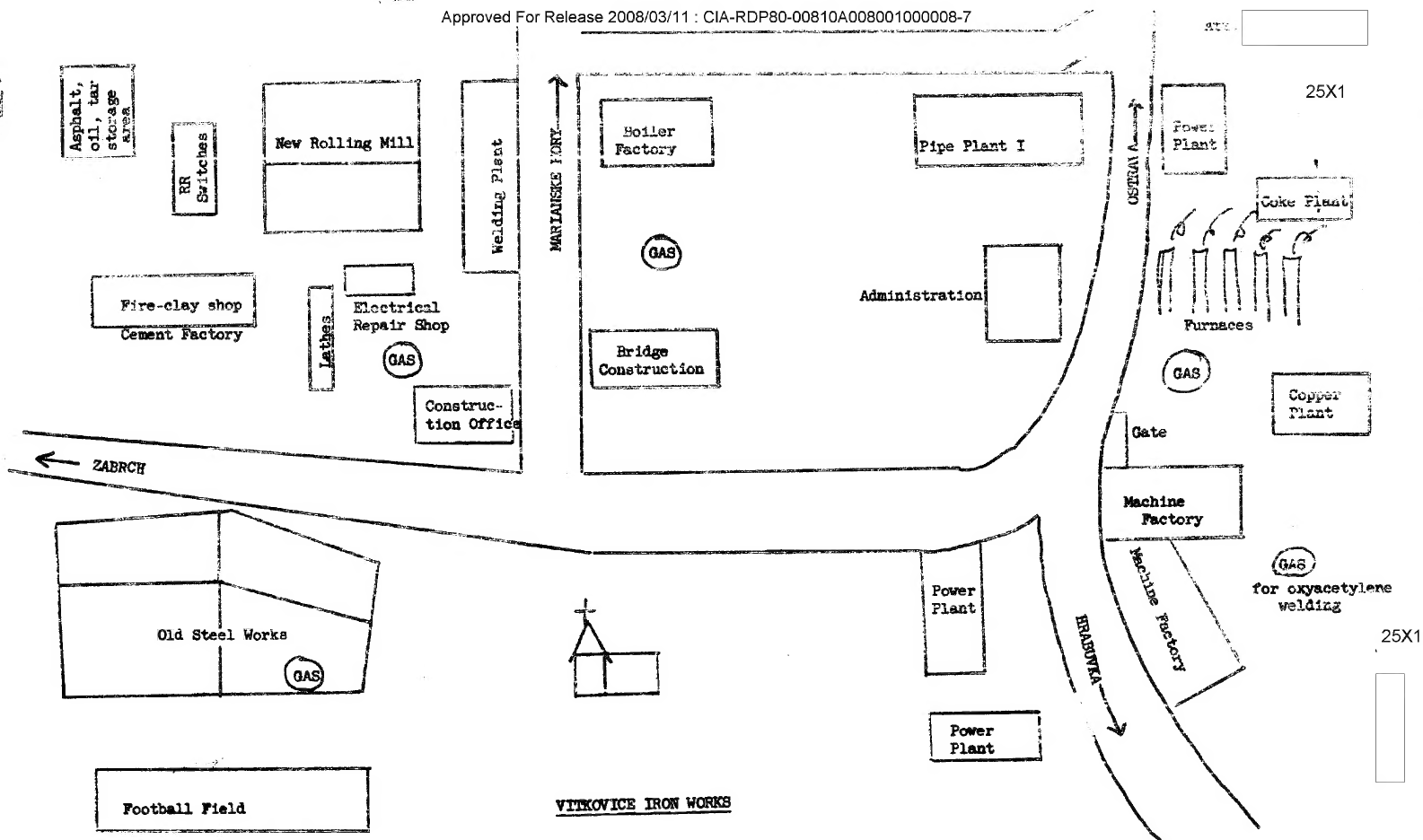
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1. Attached is a sketch of the Vitkovice iron works in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.
2. There are three electric power plants within the factory area. An additional power plant is located at Trebovice, five kilometers from Ostrava.
3. Located in the compound of the old steel mill of the Vitkovice plant is a firing range for anti-tank guns where armor plate produced at the plant is tested. The tests are carried out by Czech officers under the supervision of two Soviet officers.
4. Among the larger machines assembled at the plant for shipment to China, Korea and the Satellites are small rolling mills, plate cutters, etc. The non-ferrous metal shop, located in the old steel mill, produces beds for roller bearings. Because of the current shortage of non-ferrous metal, these beds are covered on the outside with iron and inside with a ring of copper and bronze only five millimeters thick.
5. Approximately 300 Koreans are attending the mining school in Ostrava.
6. In the spring of 1955, construction work was started in the area of Kosatka, approximately 15 km southwest of Ostrava. The construction was rumored to be for an underground airfield for jet planes.

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